

II. Claims 17 and 18, drawn to methods of detection of estrogen receptor- β , classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

Applicant hereby elects to proceed with Group I, Claims 1-16 and 19 for the anti-estrogen receptor beta antibodies and the development of an estrogen receptor beta detection kit comprising the materials listed in the original application.

Applicant also hereby requests Claims 17 and 18 be canceled without prejudice and can be refiled in a continuing application setting forth additional inventions.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-16 and 19 presently stand pending subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Claims 17 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge to McDaniel & Associates P.C. Deposit Account No. 50/1085, any fee for extension of time deemed necessary to make timely the filing of this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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